

East Yellowstone Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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Meeting Minutes –May 9, 2013

Attendance: George Simonton; Jim & Diane Blakeslee; Larry & Maxine Thomas; Ray Zubik; Judy & Bob Capron; Steve Yekel; Birney Holberg; Travis Duncan; Gregg & Jane Bierei; Lorna Anderson; Dave Crowther; Lew & Ellie Wiser; Doc Moore; Ryan Winner; Robin Bantel; Duane Feik; Rachel Carson, David Cunningham; Jack and Lili Turnell; Duane Anerson; Elaine Tabacinski; Rich Hostetler; Andy Whiteman; Frank & Karla Bird; Jon Hammari.

Introductions: Lilli & Jack Turnell, Dave Cunningham, Rachel Carson, presenters for this evenings presentation.

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by President Greg B. @ 6:30 pm. George S. moved to approve minutes Birney H. 2nd--Minutes approved.

Treasurers Report: Treasurers report was reviewed and approved. Dave S moved to approve. Bob C. 2nd. Minutes approved.

Old Business:

- **Cody River Festival/River Days, August 24th**—EYTU was asked to help fund TU Nationals Stream Explorers kid's newsletter/pamphlet. TU National will feature Northwest Wyoming and EYTU in the edition just in time for the River Days expenditure. Frank Bird has pledged \$500 towards the expenditure of "Stream Explorers" pamphlet. **IS ANYONE ELSE INTERESTED IN MAKING A PLEDGE/DONATION?**
- **Kids Fishing Day—June 1st**, Ray Zubik has stepped aside for this year because he will be out of town, Birney H will be NOT be able to attend the project. We need a new project coordinator for the day of the event. George Simonton will take on challenge. Greg will be knot guy, Bob C., Jim & Dian Blakeslee--casting, Lou Stahl Dave Sweet stream trailer, Jason B-hatchery. Lower Beck Lake picnic area @ be there 8:30 am starts at 9:00 am. Raffle off a L.L. Bean Fly Rod Kit.
- **Fly Casting Clinic—June 8th**, EYTU and North Fork Anglers, G. Bierei is the volunteer coordinator. Sign up through Rec Department. Give Rod away for those 18 & under.

Committee Updates:



--**Conservation**—Bob C.—

- Stream Bank Stabilization comment period on Near Property, last place up South Fork that salvage fish in. Public Meeting May 21st.



--**Fundraising Committee Volunteers**—Co-Chairs George S. and Laura L.

- Come up locally with list of donors and submit to state and raise money for the state w/o conflict.



--**Web Master**—Lorna—N/A

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Membership Craig Sax:

- Doc Moore turned in 10 new youth members.



Newsletter: N/A



Duane F—Virtual Fly Box idea coming along. Summer fishing Days—tag along together to hit a few spots.



Save the Yellowstone Cutthroat Dave Sweet—

- This winter is the first opposition to killing lake trout. Beginning to solicit support, writing letters to Superintendent of Yellowstone, legislators, and anyone who will listen. Filed w/ state as a non-profit entity as “Conservation of Wild Trout.”
- Doesn’t seem to see importance of this genetic population, have not/will not have a public debate, but want to ensure that we are in contact with officials supporting and emphasizing importance of this project.
- ***Need support letters the significance of the project. There are specific guidelines regarding the letters that are submitted. If you are interested or know of anyone who is interested in writing a letter of support please contact Dave Sweet for the appropriate materials.***
- Hosting suppression tour on Yellowstone Lake June 12, 2013. There is room for 43 people to learn about gill netting operations. Meet at Bridge Bay Marina boat dock @ 12:30 w/ appropriate clothing. Please contact Dave Sweet to RSVP.

New Business:



Wyoming TU Council Meeting—Jackson Hole, WY May 3-5.

- Changed by-laws to have three at-large committee members to vote with executive committee.
- AES training was completed, Dave Sweet attended. Trained people to look for Aquatic Invasive Species.
- Workshop on stream restoration by Stantec Inc.
- “Tie one On” banquet. -\$4,000 went to SYC fund



“Casting for Recovery”—

- Doc M.—going to continue taking down Ranger for some of the ladies who have more difficulty getting around. Also going to take up with Wounded Warriors building a raft.
- Hillary Walrath appointed chair person for Wyoming TU’s very first women’s committee. This committee is focused on helping make TU a more welcoming group for female anglers. Folks are invited to join her and other fisherwomen from across the state to decide future of committee. Meeting will take place Sinks Canyon Center outside Lander, WY for August 9-11, 2013. Contact Hillary Walrath 307-751-3621



EYTU Board Meeting Summary



Propose putting “Get to Know the Natives Poster: in the newspaper during the River Fest Week for a cost for approx.. \$500. Dave Sweet motioned to approve up to \$700 for 1 advertisement and additional posters for River Fest. Birney 2nd. Motioned approved.



Summer Picnic/Fishing-Thursdays, July 11th at the Horse Creek Picnic Area on the Northfork is a go!



Summer Camping Trip?? To Be determined. Scouts taking a big role with Justin in the Horse Creek Picnic Area. Tentative Date: 2nd Week in August—Thursday through Sunday and people come when they can

Other Business:



Adjourn Meeting Dave S. move to adjourn meeting @7:15. Birney 2nd Meeting adjourned.



Program: *Lili Turnell narrates "Charles Belden Films of the Bighorn river and Big Horn Basin in the 1920's and 1930's."*

Next Meeting September 12, 2013

**THANKS TO ALL WHO VOLUNTEERED THEIR TIME TO MAKE THIS A SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR
EYTU**